(c) by when cooking gas will be supplied through pipeline in metropolitan cities like Delhi and Mumbai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are not supplying LPG through pipelines in Delhi and Mumbai. However, OMCs have introduced LPG reticulated systems to distribute piped LPG to domestic customers in individual housing complexes in various cities, including Delhi and Mumbai. The system consists of a centralized LPG storage in cylinder banks and is proposed to be extended in other areas depending upon the customers' willingness to adopt the system and commercial consideration of OMCs.

Fixation of sale price of gas

†656. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reliance has communicated to Government that it would not be possible to supply gas on fixed prices prior to increase in prices of gas globally as a consequence of which the future of NTPC power project at Dadri is uncertain; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) No communication has been received from Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) regarding non-supply of gas to the NTPC project at Dadri.

Crude oil price in international market

†657. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the average price of crude oil per barrel in international market in each quarter during the last five years.

(b) the selling price of petrol and diesel per litre in India during the said period;

(c) whether the prices of petrol and diesel were reduced in India due to reduction of prices of crude oil in international market during the last five years; and

(d) the current price of crude per barrel in international market?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The detail of the average price of crude oil per barrel in international market in each quarter during the last five years is given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The details of selling prices of petrol and diesel in Delhi since 1.4.2002 are given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir. As envisaged during dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM), prices were revised downwards in tandem with international market prices on a few occasions in the past.

(d) The average price of Indian Basket crude oil during the month of November 2006 (upto 17/11/06) is around $57.39 per barrel.

Statement-I

Details of average price of crude oil

Average Quarterly Price of Crude Oil-Indian Basket				Price($/bbl)	
Year/ Quarter	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (Apr. to 17th Nov'06)
Apr-Jun	24.69	25.21	34.23	49.72	67.05
July-Sept	26.18	27.46	38.68	58.26	67.70
Oct-Dec*	25.90	28.54	39.68	54.88	57.32
Jan-March	29.89	30.61	44.28	59.86	
Yearly Average	26.67	27.96	39.22	55.68	65.24

*Average Price Upto 17/11/2006

Indian Basket represents average of Oman and Dubai for sour grades and Brent (Dated) for sweet grades in the ratio of

with effect from 1/4/2006	59.8:40.2
for Financial Year 2005-06	58:42
for Earlier Periods	57:43

Statement-II

Details of major revisions in Retail Selling Price at Delhi

	Petrol (Rs./litre)	Diesel (Rs./litre)
As on		
01.04.02	26.54	16.59
04.06.02	28.94	17.99
16.06.02	29.18	18.23
16.08.02	29.00	18.05
01.09.02	29.20	18.34
16.09.02	29.66	18.68
01.10.02	29.91	18.91
17.10.02	30.24	19.23
16.11.02	29.57	18.57
01.12.02	28.91	18.06
03.01.03	29.93	19.07
16.01.03	30.33	19.47
01.02.03	30.71	19.84
01.03.03	32.10	21.21
16.03.03	33.49	22.12
16.04.03	32.49	21.12
27.04.03	31.49	20.12
16.05.03	30.40	19.18
01.06.03	30.30	19.08
01.09.03	32.40	20.33
16.10.03	31.70	19.73
16.12.03	32.70	20.73
01.01.04	33.70	21.73
16.06.04	35.71	22.74
01.08.04	36.81	24.16
05.11.04	39.00	26.28
16.11.04	37.84	
01.04.05*	37.99	28.22
04.05.05 (VAT Reduced to 12.50%)		
		26.45
21.06.05	40.49	28.45
07.09.05	43.49	30.45
01.04.06**	43.51	30.47
06.06.06	47.51	32.47
21.06.06@	46.85	32.25

* Due to implementation of VAT in Delhi

** Due to increase in Siding & Shunting Charges in Petrol and Diesel

@ Due to reduction in VAT rate on petrol and diesel.